

# WILSON IS UNREADY TO DISCUSS PEACE

President Understood to Believe Mediation Now Really Would Do Harm.

HINT IN LIBERTY SPEECH

Leaders of Congress Will Resist Attempts to Force Executive's Hand.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—President Wilson's speech at the banquet following the Statue of Liberty illumination last night has awakened live interest among diplomats here. Its apparent unpreparedness is explained and appreciated by the fact that the President's speech was not a statement of policy, but a statement of fact. The President's statement that "peace cannot come so long as the destinies of men are determined by small groups who make selfish choices of their own."

The consensus of opinion is that this indicates the President fully realizes the fact that it is not for any effort on his part to initiate negotiations to end the war. The tenor of the President's remarks is regarded as reflecting the fact that the dominating force in at least some of the nations at war are determined to keep the peace fighting. As the speech was delivered at a celebration virtually in honor of France, the President's remarks are believed to be a statement of fact that the President referred to Germany "when he spoke of the destinies of men" as determined by "small groups."

Remark Is Taken in Two Ways.

They regard it as an indirect effort that the German Emperor and his group of supporters were forcing the German nation to fight just as they had started the war, according to the Entente view. But Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, is understood to believe that the President's remarks apply more pointedly to Great Britain than to Germany.

The fact that Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the Imperial Chancellor, is on record as stating that Germany was ready to make peace is regarded in German circles as proof that the responsibility for continuing the war cannot be laid at Germany's door. The German position with respect to peace overtures is authoritative and is reflected in the correspondent today as follows: "Any proposal from the United States to negotiate for peace would be acceptable to Germany."

Germany feels that Great Britain is in reality more willing to discuss peace terms than the British statesmen will admit. It is said in German circles that recent statements from British officials clearly indicate that they are willing to "listen to anything President Wilson might say on the subject" and "talk about peace," even though they claim to be unwilling to sanction any armistice or enter into active negotiations.

Reason for Present Deadlock.

From the German viewpoint the difficulty is that peace talk emanating from Germany is likely to be regarded by the Entente Allies as a sign of weakness and is likely to be used to encourage Germany's enemies fighting in the trenches.

From the British and French viewpoint peace talk emanating from the United States or any neutral country now would be regarded as a part of the German propaganda campaign. The Entente Allies take the position that they are fighting for liberty and are bound to win in the end. They say Germany wants to keep the German Government "seeing the handwriting on the wall" and knows that in the end the Entente will triumph.

In the face of the conditions President Wilson is understood to realize that any effort to mediate now would do more harm than good and might invite any further effort he might wish to make at a more opportune time.

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# WHITMAN APPOINTS FIVE PRICE PROBERS

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stuffs trade and advise them as to special programs for the retail dealer. The plan is that the retailers will be designated to cut the cost of living and increase the purchasing capacity of a dollar.

The block captain, Mr. Hartigan explained, will make a special effort to get acquainted with the retailers, and will visit them and seek their cooperation. They will post housewives, he said, as to the price of goods, the necessity of curbing purchases when commodities are being sold at exorbitant rates, and the wisdom of joining in boycotts of food-stuffs—such as the present egg boycott—under circumstances make concerted action necessary.

It is expected there will be stirring times among egg dealers this week in consequence of the rule of John J. Dillon, State Commissioner of Foods and Markets, which goes into effect this morning, that all refrigerator eggs that are placed on the market must have the words "cold storage" stamped on the shells.

"That order goes," Commissioner Dillon said last night, "and egg dealers will be marked by night, and egg men will visit the jobbers in the morning. If they get evidence of violations it will be up to them to report it to me."

Sound Legislation Is Desired.

"I wrote that the housewives feel that they do not want any legislation that is not sound economically," Mr. Dillon said. "Any proposed legislation that is not sound economically would hamper Congress or the State Legislature in their efforts to solve the problem."

U. S. LOAN TO CHINA FOUGHT BY ENTENTE

Great Britain, France and Japan Back Up Protest by Monopoly Group.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The British, French and Japanese Ministers at Peking, it became known here today, are supporting the bankers of their countries in protests to China against the \$5,000,000 loan arranged by that Government with a Chinese bank. Members of the former quintuple group which obtained a practical monopoly of Chinese loans for administrative purposes, through the loan agreement of April, 1913, complained recently in Peking against the new American loan on the ground that it violated that agreement.

It is explained, however, that practically all loans of this kind are arranged with China are likely to come sort of complaint by other interested parties and that in the present instance every care was taken not to violate previous agreements. Section 1 of the agreement which is alleged to have been violated refers, it is pointed out, to loans based on the salt tax, while the present loan was secured only on the tobacco and wine taxes, and to loans for administrative purposes. As the present loan is for industrial purposes, it is therefore not felt here that there is any good basis for a protest.

# U. S. LOOKING INTO LOAN OFFICE CHAIN

Rise to Social Heights of Frank J. Mackey of Chicago Recalled.

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The Thirty-ninth Street Theatre was crowded last night with Jewish citizens who have undertaken to collect \$2,000,000 for the support of Jewish philanthropic societies.

The result of our canvass," said Mr. Warburg, "shows to-day that we have received from 6,000 people subscriptions of \$1,500,000. As far as we can tell the increase in these figures over the membership subscriptions of these people is \$600,000. Much more progress is needed if we are to take care of the many institutions that want to come into the federation. The immediate need before us is to approach as many people as we can between now and December 10."

Was Ardent Polo Player.

This never has been denied by Mackey. But Mackey in the past has referred to his mother's \$100,000 as a "hoarding" thing he had founded a fortune of millions. It is said Chicago alone contributes more than \$1,000,000 annually to the coffers of the money lenders in business in the city.

Golden Returns.

Mackey's rise to financial and social prominence testifies to the golden rules of the business. He began his business in the city of Chicago, where real estate office. Here he saw the possibilities of the loan business. He had the idea, the same idea upon which the business is based to-day, that without capital. He went to friends who had money, explained his scheme and in 1878 was able to open, under his own name, his first office.

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Three English Officers Decorated by King George.

LONDON, Dec. 3.—King George has awarded the Distinguished Service Order to Sub-Lieut. Edward Pulling and the Distinguished Service Cross to Lieut. Robert Cadbury and Sub-Lieut. Gerard Fane, all of the naval air service.

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There was prolonged applause at mention of the very name of Sarah Bernhardt at the benefit in aid of the H. F. B. (British, French, Belgian) Permanent Blind Relief War Fund in the ballroom of the Hotel Biltmore last night, and more applause for Paderewski, who added a sixth number to his programme in view of the fact that Mrs. Bernhardt's physical refused at the eleventh hour to permit her to be present in person.

And there was particularly warm approval for the staid Sergeant-Major Robert Middlemisk of the Kings Own Scottish Borderers, a superb example of British soldier in physique, but blinded forever by a Turkish hand grenade at Gallipoli, who appeared on the platform and told of the work of reeducating the blinded soldiers of the Allies so beneficently they will be self-supporting.

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programme were run off during a stiffness that showed the intense interest the pictures aroused in the audience.

When James M. Beck, the presiding officer, said: "For my part I believe that young Norman Prince, lying dead on a battlefield of France with the decoration of the Legion of Honor, his breast was doing more for America than all the platitudes uttered by all the shifty politicians of America put together," he was applauded.

Before the musical part of the programme, which included songs by Mrs. Frances Alda and Hugh Allan of the Metropolitan Opera in addition to M. Paderewski's numbers, began, 240 ushers wearing sashes of the tricolor passed among an audience that already had paid at the lowest \$5 for a seat, in most cases much more, and as high as \$500 for a single box. The collection of a single girl usher, Helen Tris, the singer, contained a trifle under \$5,000, and there were twenty of the girl collectors. Miss Tris's basket, however, reaped the biggest harvest. The total sum realized will not be known until to-day.

Among those occupying boxes and seats were Mrs. and Mrs. Jules Etche, Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Tiers, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Frick, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Sibley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Werner, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Knodler, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lewisohn, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Lewisohn, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Brokaw, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stern, Mr. and Mrs. Maxwell Carstairs, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rheinhardt, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Schenberg, Lady Colebrook, Misses O. H. P. Belmont, John Jay, Mrs. L. B. Stimson, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Kessler, Stuart Duncan, John A. Black, Gilbert King, the Misses Dorothy Higginson, Misses Anna Fiedler, Helen Tris, Anna Field, the Messrs. H. B. Warner, Fred Hausman, William Collier, Raymond Hitchcock and David Warfield.

Liberia Here Towed 6,000 Miles.

The American steamship Zoolandla, sent to the west coast of Africa to tow the disabled steamship Liberia to this port, arrived with her yesterday, making the 6,000 miles in thirty-six steaming days, stopping at the Bahamas and Bermuda because of stress of weather. The tug Charles W. Morse, which had been sent after the Liberia, founded at sea. The Liberia was formerly the steamer Santa's unsuccessful colony of negroes to the gold coast.

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